

# NO OBJECTION TO SENDING CAVALRY INTO MEXICO

## Significant Answer to An Inquiry From the War Department

### Clearing Panama Canal Zone By Disposing of the Executives

PANAMA Feb. 25.—It is in many respects, very much like a college commencement season on the isthmus just now. From the thousands of men who have been taking long courses in practical canal building classes are being graduated almost daily a commencement season which will probably continue for many months.

Men who have put in the full course might be believed to welcome release from the tropics, but on every hand there is a sort of Alma Mater sentiment expressed by many in the hope that they will return to the scene of their engineering triumphs for further service of some sort. A majority of the men who are laying down their books and shovels are going away with no other diploma than pride in having participated in a monumental work. That is enough to bind many men together and it may be no surprise that some such organization as the canal diggers

alumni association is an outgrowth of this common pride.

There is general satisfaction expressed that the chief engineer will stay until the last and overlap for a time at least as the civil governor of the canal zone. But this appointment of Colonel George W. Goethals as governor is practically the only definite answer which the bigger men of the canal work have been given as to what next for a big job.

With Colonel Goethals' appointment Richard L. Metcalfe, who had been in charge of the civil administration, and Joseph Bucklin Bishop, secretary of the canal commission, are winding up their work. Mr. Metcalfe will probably return soon to the United States, but he declares that reports that he intends to enter the race for the governorship of Nebraska are erroneous. He asserts that it is not his present intention to do so, leaving his future an open question.

It is generally understood in the

zone that Secretary Bishop will be appointed by President Wilson in the capacity of official historian of the canal. It is intimated that this is the wish of Colonel Goethals who believes that the official history of the canal should be compiled while the undertaking is fresh in the minds of those who took part in it and by a man who was as intimately associated with it as Mr. Bishop. The secretary will probably remain here until the official opening of the waterway, set for January, 1915.

Among the division engineers who have lately been relieved of their duties is Lieutenant-Colonel William L. Sibert, the "concrete man." He was in charge of the construction of all concrete work on the Gatun locks, dam and spillway. Where he will go when the isthmian canal commission ceases to exist on April 1 is another open question, but in some quarters it is believed that the construction of the projected Alaskan railway may furnish a suitable field for his activities, as it will for many who have finished their work here.

Everyone believes that Colonel W. C. Gorgas, the sanitary expert who rid the isthmus of yellow fever pests, and who is now engaged in a great sanitary work in South Africa, will be the next surgeon general of the army.

H. H. Rousseau, the naval engineer who has always been regarded as Colonel Goethals' right hand man, will probably remain on the isthmus until the finishing touches have been given all the docks and shops at both ends of the canal. At Balboa this work, in his charge, has only just begun and notwithstanding the headway that is being made daily it is apparent that it will be at least another year before the building which will serve as the future headquarters of the canal force and the naval shops and dry docks will be ready to turn to other hands. Even with this done it is believed that Colonel Goethals will find further need of his "right hand" and in connection with the canal operation.

Lieutenant Colonel H. F. Hodges, United States corps of engineers, is another of the constructors of the great waterway whose services will be required until at least the end of the present year. His work has been in looking after the important electrical installation at the three great locks and in providing for the aids to navigation throughout the canal. It is expected that this work will be completed before the end of the present year. Then the canal will be said to be really in condition for the safe passage of ocean going vessels and not before.

Some anxiety is manifested by Walter F. Beyer, assistant engineer in charge of aids to navigation in the canal itself over the appearance of large quantities of water cabbage and water hyacinth that are growing rapidly and spreading over the surface of the canal. These plants are forming in large and small floating islands, and it is feared will prove a hindrance to navigation.

Within a brief period after the closing of the gates of Gatun spillway the water cabbage began growing along the banks of the lake that was formed. Now they have spread all over the surface of the lake and floating about in great islands that are becoming very dense. These plants have very long roots and in shallow water become anchored fast to the bottom. Recently the water hyacinth made its appearance and like the cabbage is floating about in large islands.

The growth of the latter is much faster than the cabbage and form in masses of great density. It is feared that ships will have considerable difficulty in piercing these masses. Already means are being considered for the destruction of the plants or at least for their control so they will not obstruct the channel.

The danger from the plants is said to be greatest where the canal is narrowest because they will there find anchorage and gradually overtopped the entire waterway. The danger is regarded as not so great in Gatun lake because they have a tendency to remain near the shore.

### Miners' Auditor Gives Evidence

(By Associated Press.)  
HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 25.—Charles Tanner, auditor of the Western Federation of Miners, described the alleged deportation of himself and Moyer, from the strike region before the congressional investigators. He reiterated the version he gave shortly after the incident.

### GOLD VALUES IN GOLDYKE CLAIM NEAR NEVADA CHIEF

O. K. DAVIS OPENS TWO  
STREAKS THAT PAN FROM  
\$20 TO \$40 EACH

C. K. Jarvis, the well known prospector, who has been identified with almost every camp of importance in Nevada and has a reputation for knowing a good place when he finds it, is in Tonopah for a few days before returning to Goldyke, where he has been prospecting continuously for the past month.

Mr. Jarvis reports a good strike on the O. K. Davis group, three quarters of a mile from the Nevada Chief. In the winze 152 feet from the surface Davis has opened a couple of streaks where free panings have been had with values running \$20 to \$40 in gold on a big vein.

The Nevada Chief is improving daily in the drifts with good milling values the best Mr. Jarvis has ever seen in a new property. The values run at the ratio of \$3 in silver to \$1 in gold.

Forty-five people are in the district and more are expected as soon as the weather settles and the roads improve. Now traveling is almost impossible even for high power machines. A car of lumber is now being delivered at Butler and the lodgings and boarding house will go up right away.

The Nevada Chief Extension Mining articles have been filed. The company has an authorized capital of 1,250,000 shares, par value 25 cents each. S. M. Priest, J. C. Fleming and George N. Lamonette, all of Tonopah are the incorporators.

### LATEST IN APPOINTMENTS R. G. WITHERS FOR JUDGE

CARSON CITY, Feb. 25.—Robert G. Withers, an attorney formerly of Goldfield, but now practicing law in Reno, is said to have the backing of Senators Pittman and Newlands for the position of United States judge if one is appointed under the bill providing for an additional appointment.

### SENATOR BARNEY RYMERS HAS RECOVERED SIGHT

Former State Senator Barney Rymers of Yerington, who has been under the care of specialists at San Francisco for the past two months for an affliction of the eyes, from which it was feared he would become permanently blind, has so far recovered that he will arrive home tomorrow.

### BANDITS MISS A MILLION AFTER GAGGING TWO WATCHMEN

(By Associated Press.)  
DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 25.—Four masked bandits made an unsuccessful attempt to dynamite the vault of the state treasurer's office, early, after they bound and gagged two capital watchmen, and fled.

The bandits secured \$5, taken from a cash drawer. The vault contained over a million dollars. Two explosions occurred and they were about to attempt a third when interrupted.

The watchmen were overpowered. A third watchman was asleep in the supreme court room. After the bandits escaped the watchmen wriggled themselves free and notified the police.

### BENTON'S BODY MAY BE EXHUMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION BY AN AMERICAN ARMY SURGEON

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Discussing possibilities officials said there was no legal objection to Brigadier General Bliss sending cavalrymen from the border patrol across to recover Benton's body if it can be located. They denied this would be an act of war, citing Wilson's recent declaration that there was no officially recognized government in Mexico.

The United States has accepted Villa's proposal for exhumation and examination of Benton's body at Juarez, without permitting removal to the United States. Dr. Percival, United States army surgeon, other officers and a member of Benton's family delegated compose party.

EL PASO, Feb. 25.—"We must clear up the Benton execution and the disappearance of other foreigners, no matter how black it may turn against us," Luis Cabrera, Carranza's confidential agent, told the constitutionalists. Cabrera is urging Villa to desist from his evasive policy and conflicting statements.

LAREDO, Feb. 25.—Official confirmation of the hanging of Clemente Vergara, an American, by Mexican federalists near Hidalgo, has further complicated and added to the tenseness of the situation.

### EXPRESS HELD UP NEAR CITY

MASKED MAN GOES THROUGH  
TRAIN CREW AND RIFLES  
SAFE

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Suburbs and city are being searched for a masked bandit who boarded a Southern Pacific train near Burlingame late last night, and robbed the conductor, brakeman and express messenger of the personal effects and rifled the express safe, securing many packages. He escaped when the train was entering the outskirts of the city. The Southern Pacific has offered a reward of \$1000 and Wells Fargo \$50.

### MRS. BELL REPORTED SAFE AFTER ILLNESS

PHYSICIAN RETURNS AFTER  
SPENDING A WEEK WITH A  
PATIENT

Dr. Grigsby returned home this morning after a week's absence at the bedside of Mrs. Archie Bell in Reese river and says his patient is doing nicely and progressing rapidly towards recovery. Mrs. Bell gave birth to twins two weeks ago at the family home and then, owing to complications it was found necessary to ask Dr. Grigsby to go to the ranch. He was taken out by Joe Kennison, of Tonopah Manhattan Auto Company, and remained there for six days only leaving after the mother was out of danger.

Kennison reports the roads leading north in the worst shape he has ever seen, and, between snow and washouts it is almost impossible to make headway.

### VILLA TELLS CONFLICTING STORIES ANSWERING OFFICIAL INQUIRIES

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Feb. 25.—Charles Percival, British consul at Galveston is expected to arrive today at Juarez to investigate the execution of Benton. He will attempt to persuade the constitutionalists to allow the widow to bury the body in the United States. He will also attempt to learn details and the facts of the Benton killing.

Reports of Villa's intentions are vague and varied, ranging from the refusal to deliver the body to permission for the relatives to visit the grave, witness a post mortem examination, but the body must be reinterred in the same grave.

There has been no reply to the United States request to deliver the body to the widow. Villa telegraphed from Chihuahua as follows: "I will not give up the body out of respect for the dead. He was interred with religious observances and a cross erected, and I will not allow a sacrilege by removal of the cross."

The report that Bauch again reported executed is not verified.

### MATHEWSON MAY SIGN AN OUTLAW BALL CONTRACT

FEDERALS ASK CHRISTIE TO  
NAME HIS OWN TERMS  
FOR SEASON

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Before signing a contract with the Giants or accepting a proposition from President Gilmore to name his own terms for managing the Brooklyn Federal club, Christie Mathewson said today he would confer with McGraw, the Giants' manager, at the training camp, Marlin Springs, Texas.

Mathewson will leave today for camp. He denied he had signed a Giants' contract and said he was considering seriously the Federal offer. He said he is "free agent" at liberty to contract with anyone.

### FORMAL OPENING OF LENT CELEBRATED THIS MORNING

The Lenten season was formally introduced this morning at the Catholic church by the celebration of special services during which ashes were distributed to the faithful as a reminder that "Dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return." This evening there will be services at which Father Flynn will confer the ashes on those who were unable to attend in the morning.

### TEN POUNDS OF FEMINITY

Charles Smith, bookkeeper for Jas. Robertson, is receiving congratulations from his friends over the arrival of a long-awaited and at his home yesterday afternoon. Charles always showed his love of the fair sex, and he is pardoned for believing he has the latest gift in the land.

For a social mixer a dress and a much higher recommendation than any sociologic degree.

### WANTS TO FIND OUT ALL ABOUT A POWER RIGHT

INQUIRY THAT MAY LEAD TO  
REVIVAL OF OLD  
PROJECT

Leroy A. Palmer, mineral examiner of the United States general land office with headquarters at San Francisco, is in Tonopah for the purpose of inquiring into the workings of the Mono Power Company, successor to the Owens River Power Company, which holds some of the most valuable hydro-electric rights on the Pacific coast.

The company was organized in 1905 after spending \$75,000 in surveys and preliminary work, sold to the Mono Power Company, organized and controlled by Edison P. Adams, president of the Farmers and Merchants' Savings Bank of Oakland, Cal. Since that date the company has slept on its rights and it alleged that the object of remaining quiescent was to freeze out the small stockholders.

The policy of the interior department has been to withdraw grants to companies that hold rights for speculation instead of exercising them for the benefit of their respective communities. The Mono Power Company was to operate in the same territory as the present power company which derives its energy from Bishop creek. Owens river has a greater volume of water than any other unappropriated stream between Salt Lake and Portland, Or.

The franchise granted the right-of-way for pipe lines through certain territory and since then nothing has been done to take advantage of the privilege.

Advertise in the Bonanza.

### Belmont Dividend \$375,000 Declared

The Tonopah Belmont Development Company declared its regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents this morning at a meeting of directors held in Philadelphia. This is the twentieth dividend declared by the Belmont and the thirteenth consecutive dividend of 25 cents a share. The dividend calls for the disbursement of \$375,000. This will make a total of \$750,000 distributed to the stockholders this year as the last previous payment was on the first of January, 1914, of a total return to stockholders of \$5,923,000 since the organization of the company.

According to the last financial statement issued by the Belmont there was a balance of \$1,430,959.51 in the treasury on November 30 1913. Since then the Belmont has shown the following net earnings:

November	\$161,387.73
December	171,866.20
January	150,288.09
Total for quarter	\$483,542.02
Dividend requirements	\$375,000.00
Excess earnings over requirements	\$108,542.02

### WHITE SLAVERY ALLEGED AGAINST MILLIONAIRE

ACCUSED REPLIES THAT CHARGE  
IS FOR PURPOSE OF  
BLACKMAIL

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—J. Parker Whitney, a millionaire clubman, is accused in a warrant issued yesterday of violation of the Mann law. He was arrested early today on his ranch in Placer county, and furnished \$10,000 bond. He is charged with having transported Genevieve Hannan from New York to San Francisco for immoral purposes. He said the charges were nothing more than blackmail.

### TABLES A RESOLUTION ASKING INFORMATION

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The senate tabled the Norris resolution asking Attorney General McReynolds for information regarding the dissolution agreement of the New Haven railroad.

### MINER IN THE BELMONT SUFFERS A BAD FRACTURE

Ed. Peterson, employed at the Belmont mine, sustained a fracture of a lower limb this morning by a slab of rock falling. He is at the Mine Operators' hospital.

### DEATH OF PIONEER

Frank Ames, pioneer resident of Smith valley, died Monday. Mr. Ames was postmaster at Smith valley for many years, a veteran of the civil war, and prominent in the Republican councils of the State.

A ship canal is proposed across Scotland.

### BASKET BALL TEAM TIED UP AT LAS VEGAS

TONOPAH LADS HAVE DIFFICULTY  
IN MEETING THEIR EN-  
GAGEMENTS

The Tonopah basketball team is marooned at Las Vegas waiting for a train to bring them to Goldfield, where they were billed for a game this evening. The train will not leave the southern end of the line until some time late this afternoon and the team will not arrive in Goldfield in time to play. This will cause a postponement of the game until tomorrow night and the boys will be home Friday morning.

The Clark road is routing its trains from Los Angeles over the Santa Fe to Ludlow and then via Tonopah and Tidewater to Cruceiro, where the Salt Lake tracks are taken.

The Tonopah & Tidewater suffered a heavy loss by a washout that took out a large section of track between Silver Lake and Cruceiro and it is hoped that through service will be restored by Friday morning.

### DENIES STATEMENTS OF PEONAGE WITNESS

(By Associated Press.)  
TRINIDAD, Feb. 25.—Witnesses contradicted many statements of the so-called peonage witnesses.

### SNOW IN CRESCENT CITY

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—A light snow is falling for the Mardi Gras celebration.

### TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 44; a year ago 32.  
Lowest last night, 34; a year ago 29.